

**Village of Salado, Texas**  
**Board of Aldermen**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road  
Salado, Texas

**Present:** Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Preston Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

**Others Present:** Judy King, Village Secretary; Chrissy Lee, Planning & Development; Josh Tulloch, Interim Chief of Police; Shane Berrier, Chief of Fire Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Skip Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- a. Invocation was given by Mayor Skip Blancett.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Skip Blancett.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Graydon and KD Hill, owners of Barrow Brewing were honored for celebrating their one year anniversary in business in the Village of Salado.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Jasen Graham, current participant in the Salado Citizens Academy pilot program, 1332 Walker Circle, Salado, Texas, 76571, discussed the inherent benefits of the programs. He offered his full endorsement for future programs because "an informed population is an empowered population".
- Jay and Mary Ford, LoneStar Cycling, 4929 Heather Marle, Temple, Texas, 76502, presented a concept plan to bring a "building community through cycling" program to the Village of Salado. A packet with a hardcopy of a power point presentation was distributed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to inform them of the nature and scope of the e-bike concept and how it can enhance a community.

**4. REPORTS**

- a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Skip Blancett welcomed the Ford's with their E-bike concept. He shared an opinion of the Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez regarding an Ethics Commission decision allowing BOA and staff to speak openly about their political stance as long as it does not include the use of Village time or resources. He granted permission for the BOA and staff to have a voice, but stay within the boundaries of the Ethics Commission decision



**b. Departmental Reports**

- Police Department Report, Interim Chief Josh Tulloch, reported that 1 new officer, Wayne Cooley, had been trained and was ready for the field. Another officer, Matt Hicks, will begin training next week. There were 3 arrests in the month of March, one was drug related and money was seized.
- Fire Department Report, Chief Shane Berrier, reported calls in the Village: 26 EMS, 3 Fire and 1 MVA and in the County: 25 EMS, 8 Fire and 1 MVA.
- Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Bureau Report, Chairman of Chamber of Commerce, Dave Swarthout, reported that the Chamber offices will move to their new space on April 19, 2017. Wildflower Weekend was a success with approximately 6,000 people in the village over the course of the weekend. The Festival had a net profit of \$6,745.46. Upcoming events include the Art Attack on April 28-30 and other currently unscheduled events that are in the planning stages. The visitor's guide has been completed and is in print now.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Consider approving the Consent Agenda item(s):

- a. Minutes, February 23, 2017, Special Called Meeting.
- b. Minutes, March 2, 2017, Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes, March 9, 2017, Special Called Meeting
- d. Minutes, March 16, 2017, Regular & Workshop Meeting
- e. Minutes, March 23, 2017, Special Called & ZBA Meeting.
- f. Minutes, February 16, 2017, Regular & Workshop Meeting.

*Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**6. REGULAR SESSION**

- a. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2017.04 Denial of Proposed Rate Change for Oncor. Karl Green, Area Manager for Oncor, was available to answer questions about this request to deny a proposed rate change. It is an industry standard which allows the Public Utilities Commission to enact rates as one action instead of addressing every municipality individually.

*Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017.04 denying the proposed rate change of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC. Alderman Dankert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

*Staff requested to remove items 6b. and 6c. until a further review of those two items.*

- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2014-09A-02 BOA Rules and Procedures.
- c. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2009.06 Beer, Wine & Mixed Beverages.

*Alderman Coachman made a motion to postpone items 6b. and 6c. listed on the agenda. Alderman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

*Mayor Skip Blancett called for a recess at 7:37 p.m. to take a break and then enter into Executive Session. After a short break, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.*



## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSSION

- a. Presentation, discussion and possible action on a contract with Rick Ashe for the position of Village Police Chief.
- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action on a contract with Don Ferguson for the position of Village Administrator.
- c. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: *Elizabeth Poole, Interviewee.*

*Executive Session ended at 9:12 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened in Regular Session.*

## 8. REGULAR SESSION

Action taken on items 7a. and 7b. discussed in Executive Session.

- a. *Alderman Coachman made a motion to approve the hiring of Rick Ashe as Chief of Police based on the contract negotiated in Executive Session. Alderman McDougal seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*
- b. *Alderman Coachman made a motion to approve the hiring of Don Ferguson as Village Administrator based on the contract negotiated in Executive Session. Mayor ProTem Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

## 9. ADJOURN

*Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.*

  
Skip Blawett, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Judy King, Village Secretary

